AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION SPONSORS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

May 17th — May 23rd, 2009

The APWA has designated May 17th through May 23rd as National Public Works Week across the United States and has selected "Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew" as the theme to energize and educate the public about contributions of Public Works agencies at all levels, and the impact of managing infrastructure needs on the daily lives of all citizens.

The Highway & Floodplain Dept. is one of those agencies desiring to promote a new way of thinking about directions and practices in providing good roads and streets, or other community infrastructure needs for a better quality of life. Every level of government has an agency structure and a system to provide for public building projects from travel ways and bridges to government offices, and they all have stories to tell. We encourage citizens to become more familiar with the manner in which public infrastructure is managed and developed, as it is vital to the interest of maintaining a healthy society, and in many ways our future depends on it.



These words signal a change in thinking and a new direction in practice.

REVITALIZING our infrastructure means finding new ways to sustain performance, using new materials, increasing efficiency.

REINVESTING in our infrastructure will ensure safety, longevity, positive quality of life.

RENEWING our infrastructure means replacing and reinvigorating the systems and structures on which we depend.

"We're at a pivotal time in our nation's history where we need to see a significant shift in how we invest in, maintain and sustain our infrastructure."

--Marshall Elizer